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1. It has been reported that within the immediate past approximately 1,000 men have been brought to Buenos Aires from the interior of Argentina and have been given arms.
2. These men have been installed in the Hotel de Inmigrantes in Buenos Aires, where they are under the direct orders of the Confederacion General de Trabajadores (General Confederation of Workers—CGT). They apparently are being held in readiness to assist the local police in the event popular demonstrations are held against the government and will also be used to help smash any revolutionary attempt. They are each paid thirty pesos a day.
3. The people in Buenos Aires are extremely nervous. Reportedly the government believes that the people are nearing the point where they may attempt to carry out protest demonstrations against the government.
4. During the afternoon of 25 July an incident took place which illustrates the nervous tension of the people of Buenos Aires. An unexplained explosion took place in a building at Calle Santa Fe and Calle Ayacucho. Some prankster on the sidewalk shouted: "It's the revolution". The passersby immediately broke and ran. Some were heard to voice their disapproval.

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